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Letter dated 21 July 2004 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the signal honour to thank the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo as well as the Group of Experts for their report, drawn up in implementation of paragraph 10 of the aforementioned resolution (S/2004/551).

The report confirms the views of my Government on the continued presence of the Rwandan Defence Forces, which have never withdrawn from the territory of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in spite of the withdrawal announcement, which was so highly publicized by Mr. Paul Kagame, President of the Rwandan Republic, before the Security Council in 2002, and this is in flagrant violation of the relevant Security Council resolutions on the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

This continued Rwandan presence, with the concealed motive of continuing the illegal exploitation of the natural resources and all forms of wealth in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, is coupled with the avowed irredentist designs of certain authorities within the Government of that aggressor country.

This policy also explains the fissiparous vague desires on the part of a remnant of civilian and military officials from the former RCD-Goma rebellion, an appendage of Rwanda entrenched in Goma under the orders from Kigali.

My Government urges the Security Council to treat with disdain the pseudo-denials and fabrications which the Rwandan nomenklatura has elevated to a rule of defence and to which it has unfortunately accustomed the international community. Indeed, since it has taken power, the Rwandan regime has incessantly demonstrated, admittedly with success, its mastery at lying and spreading disinformation, particularly by maintaining the illusion of prosecution through a genocide, in which many accounts and various reports of the Secretary-General (S/1994/1125 and S/1994/1405) have provided sufficient proof of its complicity.

My Government supports the recommendations in the report of the Group of Experts and requests the Security Council to take due note of this.

My Government would also like the Security Council this time, as the principal body of the United Nations responsible for the maintenance of international peace and security, to assume its responsibilities, particularly by

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imposing, as is currently done in respect of Al Qaeda terrorists and other sympathizers, sanctions that serve as an example and are individually targeted at the leaders of the regime in place in Kigali. More specifically, my Government envisages measures to prohibit travel and freeze assets in banks as well as an arms embargo in order to put a definitive end to the notorious backsliding and arrogant provocations on the part of this regime, which has long enjoyed impunity.

My Government would like to urge the Security Council, in carrying out all the measures that it would wish to take against the irresponsible and bloodthirsty persons within the Government and Armed Forces of the Rwandan Republic, to spare no effort and do everything to protect the friendly and fraternal population of Rwanda, which has endured with exemplary courage the agony of the instability caused by its self-proclaimed and ill-elected leaders.

Lastly, my Government urges the Security Council to consider the fate of the non-governmental human rights organizations and to demand that the Government of Rwanda respect human rights, halt its harassment of human rights activists, who are carrying out remarkable work in establishing the truth, particularly by putting an end to the revisionist and divisive accusations, which, in that country, are tantamount to a death sentence.

My Government requests you to have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Atoki **Ileka**
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